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## BRITISH BLOCKADE SYSTEM DETAILED

To Members of the American Luncheon Club in London by Sir Frank Newnes.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) LONDON, July 21.—The most de-

tailed description of the British system of blockade which has been framed was presented to the members of the American Luncheon Club by Sir Frank Newnes, in an address delivered at the last meeting of the club. Sir Frank is the head of a

great publishing firm founded by his father. He is a member of the Royal volunteer naval reserve, and is acting as assistant secretary of the committee on detention of neutral ships presided over by Lord Peel.

Sir Frank called attention to the fact that the blockade was not established until the order of council of March 11, 1915, was issued, and that the total stoppage of Germany's enormous trade, all done through neutrals, was a gigantic and difficult business. He remarked: "It has been the desire of the British government in carrying out an effective blockade of Germany to interfere as little as they possibly can in the ordinary trade between neutrals, and in fact they have been strongly criticized at home as having considered the interests of the neutrals too much."

### Explains System.

His explanation of the system follows: "Every ship east or west bound passing up or down the English channel or by the north of Scotland is stopped by one of the British men-of-war, boarded and examined. These ships are armed merchantmen and are on duty right across from the north of Scotland to Norway, one ship every twenty miles—they are manned by the Royal navy reserve men from the mercantile marine who are used to examine ships' papers and documents. A copy of the ships' manifest is then wired up to London, and to give you some idea of the labor involved some ships have between 300 and 600 different descriptions of goods on board all of which have to be sent out—and thus these telegrams run to many thousands of words. The telegraph manifest goes at once before the contraband committee which sits every day and all day, presided over by E. M. Pollock, king's counsel and member of parliament for Warwick. The committee considers each item, and if it has any reasonable suspicion that any items are destined for the enemy the ship will be detained and ordered to unload the suspected items at a suitable port. If it has nothing suspicious the ship can proceed at once, and I may say that the contraband committee works so expeditiously that its decision on the ship or goods is nearly always given the same day that the manifest is put before it.

"When the manifest is telegraphed to the contraband committee it is also telegraphed to the war trade intelligence department which has been created for the purpose of supplying information on which the contraband committee can decide whether certain goods should be allowed to go forward or not.

### Enemy Exports Committee.

"In addition to the contraband committee there is the enemy exports committee presided over by Commander Leverton Harris, M. P., which deals with goods exported from Germany. This is a much simpler task than dealing with imports into Germany, as American and other countries, for the purpose of their customs, already require that the country of origin shall be given, and the effect has been that the export trade was almost immediately killed, and there is no doubt that this has been one of the great causes in the fall of the mark, as it compels Germany to pay in gold and not in goods.

"Prize court—When suspect goods are unloaded from a ship they are at once put into 'prize' and the owner of the goods has to make a claim for their restitution, and must bring an action for their recovery. Such actions are tried in the admiralty court, which is presided over by Sir Samuel Evans and the goods are released, condemned, or dealt with as the court may deem just.

### Little Delay to Neutrals.

"I have already told you that the desire of the British government is to carry out this blockade with as little delay or inconvenience to neutrals as is possible; and I will now give you some of the arrangements made to ensure this:

"(1) Guarantees by importers. "Agreements have been made with representative associations of merchants in neutral countries under which they undertake that goods consigned to them will not be exported to Germany, nor be used in the manufacture of goods which are for export to Germany.

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### Germany.

#### Oversea Trust.

"The first of these was the Netherlands Oversea trust, which was so successful that similar associations were formed in other countries.

"In Denmark, the Danish Merchants Guild.

"In Switzerland, the Societe Surveillance Suisse.

"Goods can now be exported from this country practically under license only, and such licenses are usually granted if the goods are consigned to these associations.

"(2) Agreements with shipping lines.

"Agreements have been made with many shipping lines under which their ships are allowed to go forward even if they have contraband on board or are carrying goods which our authorities suspect are for the enemy, on their undertaking to return such goods to this country for the prize court or to retain them in a neutral country until after the war.

#### Banker Coal Feature.

"And in addition to this: "(3) Bunker coal from any port in the British empire is refused to neutral ships unless they comply with certain conditions which ensure that the goods they carry do not go to the enemy.

"Both these classes of ships are called 'White Ships' and they are a large and increasing number, and most of the leading lines have made such arrangements.

"I would strongly advise any of you when shipping goods to see that the ship is a 'White Ship'.

"If a ship is not a 'white ship' there is of course a presumption that it is or may be carrying suspected goods, and thus it may be delayed and you suffer the suspicion attaching to other peoples goods.

#### Scheme by Skinner.

"(4) Skinner scheme. "This is a scheme which was suggested by Mr. Skinner, the American consul-general in London.

"It is this: A department has been opened in the British embassy at Washington to which an American exporter can go and give particulars of the nature and amount of the goods he desires to export, and also the name of the consignee. The department will at once cable here to the contraband committee who will cable him whether his goods would pass the blockade or not, and thus he can decide whether to ship them. If he ships the goods the papers are marked accordingly, and some American lines will now only take goods which have passed the Skinner scheme.

"(5) Rationing. "It has been found that since the war broke out certain neutral countries have been importing a vastly increased amount of certain goods beyond their pre-war and normal requirements, and unless they were formerly importing large quantities of these goods from Germany and Austria, there is an overwhelming presumption that they were imported for the purpose of re-export to Germany; and there is no doubt that this was done on a large scale.

#### Limited System.

"To avoid this the system of rationing has been adopted under which the import of a given article into neutral country is limited to the amount of its true domestic requirements, it is a very fair system, allowing as it does any neutral to carry on its own legitimate trade and to supply its own wants.

"You will note thus that it may happen that when you apply to the war trade department for a license to export certain articles to neutral countries it may be refused not because there is any doubt in regard to your consignee, but for the reason that the country has already been supplied with the rationed amount of such goods.

"I would point out to you that the net result of all these arrangements, instituted by the British government so that the blockade of Germany will interfere as little as possible with neutrals, are so framed that if any export-

er has goods held up or put in the prize court he has only himself to blame; and if anyone doing business with these neutral countries will only comply with the requirements I have outlined to you today he runs practically no risk of his goods being held up, with all the consequent loss of time and money.

#### Government Determined.

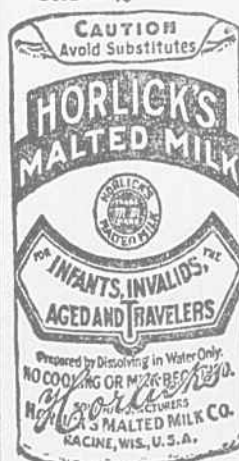
"The British government is of course determined to enforce the blockade with absolute rigidity and strictness, but at the same time they are always prepared to consider any reasonable complaints from neutrals arising out of such enforcement; and I believe that the system which has now been developed is so well thought out and working so smoothly that there is or can be hardly any cause for complaint.

"It gives interesting cause for thought if one were to consider the

positions as reversed, and whether if the German fleet was enforcing a blockade on England the neutral countries would receive the consideration that the British have shown to them—but of course it has always been the British tradition that, while exercising its powers to respect the rights of others."

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